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The Metropolitan Street Railway as a Corporation is a Necessity to City

There seems to be a tendency on the part of certain newspapers to continually harp on the so-called misdoings of the corporate interest in this city. For what reason that they have more to say about one corporation than all the others is indeed a strange state of affairs.

In attacking the Standard Oil company, the Beef trust, and railroad rebating well and good, but why in the name of the American constitution do these newspapers continually lay on the Metropolitan Street Railway company. If a corporation is violating a law or tramping on the interest of the people than newspapers are for the purpose of whipping them back in line. A newspaper is the servant of the people. The power of the press is a mighty force. Newspapers came into vogue about the time of Edmund Burke, but it was during the time of Macaulay that they began to supplant oratory. During the eighteenth century in England a man who at that time wished to impress parliament would resort to pamphlet forms besides having his speeches printed in the daily papers of that time.

Thus we see the rise of the press. In the same manner the New York Sun, Boston Transcript and the Kansas City Star and other papers were sought after by the people because they represented power. The Star in this city has had a remarkable growth. In most every stand that they have taken they came near being right, with the exception of this dogged and persistent fight they are making on the Metropolitan and its head. Does the Star seek to break up this corporation or to bring it under the confines of their enclosing grasp? If so, they are wrong in forcing such conditions of affair.

What has this corporation done that is so appalling to the public? What law has the noble head of the company violated? Because he has not become subservient to the wishes of this mighty paper? Is the company overstepping its rights? Are the people being harmed or cheated by some chicanery resorted to by the corporation? If so, these are serious questions to be considered. But in all the annals of the Metropolitan's history you cannot find any big grabs or steals that they have done. Let us rise up to a high plane of reasoning. Let us take the two-headed sword of truth and deal blows both ways, cut who we will or who we may. What really has this company done or what is it trying to do. Some 25 or 30 years ago Kansas City was nothing but a little, rocky burrough, with a big muddy river running along its sides. People who wished to visit the place

came in vans or big moving wagons—some in stage coaches. Neighbors wishing to see each other used horses or vehicles. Now what happened? A few enterprising men came here seeing the prospect of a growing town, decided to start a stock company or something that the people needed most. Traveling facilities at that time was greatly to be desired. What did they do? Why, they began operating mule cars. What next? Why, these cars grew into cable cars. What next? Why, the cable cars grew into our present day electric cars, of course. Some of the men who began this street car system are dead, but God bless them their good work is being carried out by the able officials of the present railway system. Never kill the hen that lays the golden egg. Now, don't you remember that the Kansas City Star was once a very weak paper? Why, twenty-five years ago it, too, was having its rise. Now, today without a doubt, it stands as the strongest newspaper in the West. What makes a newspaper strong? Why, it's immediate circulation in the surrounding districts and suburbs. But why don't the Star realize that they could not of had such a splendid field for action without the city had inducement for the people to come here and settle. Transportation is one of the greatest inducements that could be desired. Street cars to carry a man almost in front of his door or place of business or perchance in any portion of the city. The Metropolitan is a corporation, but this should not engender a long period of opposition to it. For as a corporation it is a necessity to the city just a few weeks ago the Westport division was extended; the Jackson avenue line was changed. What does this mean? It means an enlargement of the city. Nothing but the foresight and shrewd observance of Mr. Bernard Corrigan, the president of the company, could have brought about these immediate changes. Look at the possibilities still before us. Our west traffic way proposition, more cars; farther extensions of the various lines. Work for thousands of people. Prosperity and a general helpfulness. These are things that the Star must not overlook. It is true that this company is a corporation. But don't they have a right to exist? Anything that is done to injure this company would naturally affect the city. Don't you think that these good deeds call for encouragement instead of exhortations?

This is a serious proposition. It must be considered in its true light; it must be looked at from a standpoint of fairness. A square deal to all. Special privileges to none. Pax et Tempus.

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS.

Miss Mattie Miller of Macon, Mo., was a guest of Mrs. G. W. Burdette en route to Lawrence to spend Xmas with relatives and attend the Interstate Literary society.

Mrs. Ellen Blue returned home from a visit to Bartlesville, Ok.

The Sir Knights are preparing for a mock breach of promise suit, which will be soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardner have a fine baby girl.

Miss Mayzelle Williams left for Illinois to teach school.

Miss Edna Berry of Jefferson City, Mo., is home to spend Xmas.

Prof. Rouse and wife probably will locate permanently in this city.

Attorney J. F. Bradley is seriously ill at his home, 400 Haskell.

Mrs. J. W. Allen and Miss Minnie Gilmore of Leavenworth were guests of Mrs. Alice Bailey.

Mrs. B. Green of Iowa is the guest of Mrs. D. W. White, her sister.

Mrs. N. Wood and Miss Annette Scott of St. Louis are here visiting.

For fear the gas would not give sufficient heat the First Baptist church has replaced its stoves.

Mrs. Alice Bailey will attend the

Interstate Literary society and spend a few days in Leavenworth.

Mrs. Lydia Warden has been indisposed.

The Rising Son is a very good paper. Every Negro in Kansas City, Kan., should subscribe for the paper.

Mrs. Bradford and Miss Bowman are visiting their sister, Mrs. Jennie Wyatt.

Mr. Perry Swancey of Richmond, Mo., is here as substitute postman during the holidays.

The Christmas tree at the First Baptist church was beautifully decorated and each individual seemingly was remembered.

Miss Mamie Blue is visiting in Omaha, Neb.

The "Sad Wall Whist club" met at the residence of Mrs. Vivian Clay.

Miss Florence Tillery of Seneca, Kan., is at the residence of Miss Amanda Jennings spending Xmas.

Mrs. Hattie Taylor of St. Louis is the guest of Mrs. Mary Brown during the holidays.

Delegates to the Interstate Literary society are: Miss Nettie Penix, Miss Trussie Smothers, Mrs. Lena Downs, Miss Stella Wilson and others.

Mrs. Ella Cline of St. Louis is the guest of Mrs. I. F. Bradley during the holidays.

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172 West.

P. S. BROWN, JR., THE MARK HANNA OF KANSAS CITY.

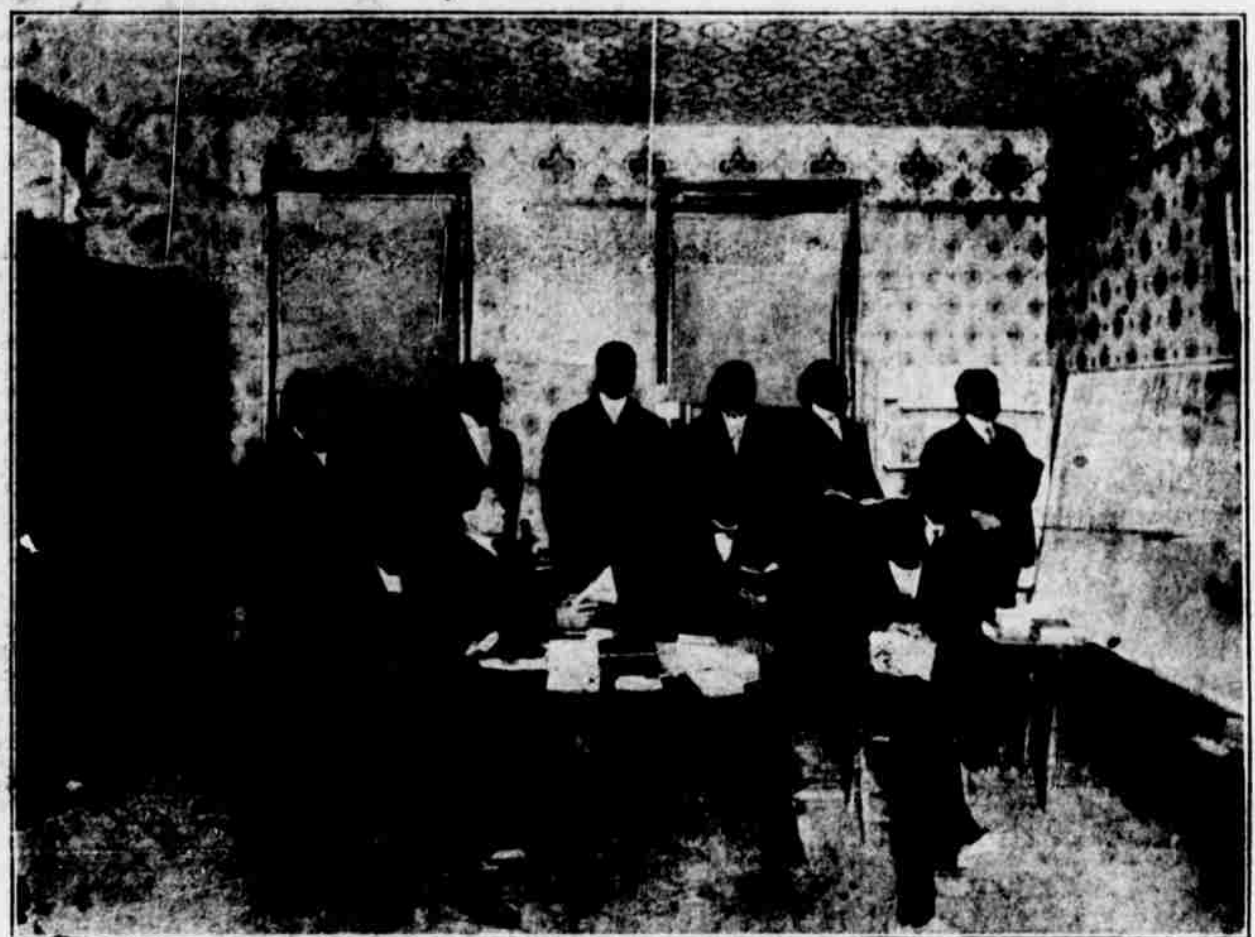
P. S. Brown, Jr., is a very familiar name, but everybody prefers to call him Sherry. Mr. Brown has been identified with politics for the last 15 years. He knows the game from start to finish. You can not fool Mr. Brown. He is one of the best informed men of the city. He is a business man, very conservative. Mr. Brown always believes in playing clean politics. He is a man who does more for his friends than he does for himself. He is very unselfish.

He always believes in helping the other fellow. His chief force is organization. When Mr. Brown organizes, there is no one in the city who can beat him. He never aspires to be head of the organization. He is the power behind the throne directing the forces. He is really the only white man that can thoroughly organize the Negroes. The Negroes have great confidence in Sherry as they are wont to call him. Mr. Brown is not only a power in his word, but has great influence in the city. With such men in his ward behind him as W. T. Green, J. Ed. Jewell, H. E. Weisfog, Capt. Hennessy, Capt. Edmond, Judge Burnett, and a few others you may readily believe that there is no other organization that can beat them in the ward. Mr. Brown is destined to be postmaster or occupy some of the other large national positions. One great characteristic of Mr. Brown is that he always keeps his word. It is such men that the Negroes must praise and extol in public.

SPIRITUALISM A RELIGION.

SOME TRENCANT REFLECTIONS THEREON.

SPIRITUALISM IS SPIRITUALISM. CALLING IT NAMES WILL NOT CHANGE IT ANY MORE THAN CALLING THE MULTIPLICATION TABLE A NOVEL WILL CHANGE IT FROM WHAT IT IS. CALLING SPIRITUALISM A RELIGION DOES NOT MAKE IT A RELIGION. THERE ARE SO MANY RELIGIONS BESIDE THAT WHICH IS CALLED THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION, ONE NATURALLY INQUIRES: WHICH RELIGION IS SPIRITUALISM? AND INASMUCH AS ALL RELIGIONISTS HAVE DENOUNCED SPIRITUALISM AND PERSECUTED SPIRITUALISTS, IT IS NO HONOR TO ADOPT THE NAME. WHEN I BEGUN TO PERCEIVE TRUTH IN SPIRITUALISM, A GOOD PIOUS SISTER ASKED, IN A REPROACHFUL TONE: ARE YOU WILLING TO BE CALLED A SPIRITUALIST? PUTTING ALL THE ODIUM IN THE EXPRESSION POSSIBLE. THIS SISTER ACCEPTED AND APPARENTLY PRACTICED THE PREVAILING RELIGION, BUT TRULY, AT THIS LATE DAY, THIS IS A SMALL MATTER TO DISCUSS WHEN ALL EYES ARE TURNING TOWARD SPIRITUALISM, EXPECTING TO FIND MODELS IN EVERY DEPARTMENT OF LIFE, AND IF ALL WHO ARE CALLED SPIRITUALISTS, LIVED ACCORDING TO THE DEMANDS OF THE SCIENCE AND PHILOSOPHY OF SPIRITUALISM, THEY WOULD COMMAND THE ADMIRATION OF THE WORLD. SOME, I KNOW, ARE TRYING TO DO THIS AS FAR AS THEIR SURROUNDINGS WILL ALLOW. IT IS NOT THE FAULT OF SPIRITUALISM THAT ANY COME SHORT, BUT OF THE EXPONENTIALS AND PROFESSED REPRESENTATIVES. SPIRITUALISM MUST COVER THE EARTH AS THE WATERS DO THE SEA, THROUGH IT MAY BE BY ANOTHER NAME, YET NO BETTER NAME CAN BE FOUND. IT IS MORE EXPRESSIVE THAN PROTESTANT, JEWISH, ROMAN, CATHOLIC, OR EVEN PAGAN, CALLING WHAT IS TRUE A FALSEHOOD, DOES NOT MAKE IT SO. EACH ONE MUST DECIDE FOR HIMSELF. SINCE WRITING THE FOREGOING THE MOUNTAIN PINE COMES TO HAND, CONTAINING A GRAPHIC ACCOUNT OF WHERE THE WITCHES OF SALEM SLEEP, BY GILBERT P. BROWN, WHICH IS HEALTHY READING. THERE, IN THAT BUSY NEW ENGLAND VIL-



Y. M. C. A. NIGHT SCHOOL, EIGHTEENTH AND THE PASEO. OPENS MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 1908.

LAGES, FOREMOST UPON THE PANORAMA OF LIFE, EMINENT DIVINES, KEEPERS OF GOD'S WORD, WERE PUTTING TO DEATH THEIR CONTEMPORARIES IN THE NAME OF RELIGION. NO SUCH RELIGION BELONGS TO SPIRITUALISM WHERE INNOCENT PEOPLE WERE PUT TO DEATH, BEING ACCUSED OF BEING POSSESSED OF THE DEVIL. THUS SPIRITUALISTS WERE TREATED IN THE NAME OF RELIGION.

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AN INTERVIEW FROM J. L. MATSON.

A reporter for the Son a short time ago in an interview from J. L. Matson, the colored grocer at Nineteenth and Grove streets, gleaned these facts. Said Mr. Matson: "In my business I find you cannot depend on the Big-to-Do Negro for support. The society negro will not help his race to advance in the commercial world. It is the low, ignorant Negro who will come around. The society Negro will only come around when he has tickets to sell or asking for a donation. A few always come around to my place."

A SQUARE DEAL AND FAIR AT MITCHELL'S DRY GOODS STORE.

The motto of Mitchell's Store is that it is a store of the people. This motto is carried out in its entirety. It is a store for all the people, the colored people as well as the white people. All get a square deal there. Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Campbell and the rest of the people connected with the store give the negroes good treatment. A great number of negroes get cheap bargains for their money. This is one of the many places for negroes to patronize.

THE NEW YEOMEN HALL AT 910 CAMPBELL ST., IS THE FINEST AND MOST UP-TO-DATE HALL IN THE CITY FOR COLORED PEOPLE. YOU CAN RENT THIS HALL FOR PRIVATE OR PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENTS, PARTIES, RECEPTIONS, BANQUETS, CONCERTS AND BALLS. PRICES ARE REASONABLE. APPLY TO MANAGERS, DAWSON & TRIMBLE, 804 E. 10TH ST. and 818 E. 10TH ST., FLAT H. BELL 'PHONE, 4540 MAIN.

FOR CORRECT AND EFFECTIVE DRESSMAKING CALL ON MRS. HUFF, 2303 HIGHLAND. SATISFACTION GUARANTEED.

ODD FELLOWS MARCHING ON.

(Tune "Tramp, Tramp, The Boys Are Marching.")
1. As Odd Fellows firm we stand,
Linked together Heart and Hand,
For poor widows and the orphans
we must care—
From far East to Western shore,
Stand united ever more
As Odd Fellows we are ever marching on.

Chorus:
We crowd Thy Gates with cheerful song,
Hail the mighty men of Truth,
Joined together linked in three;
Friendship, Love and Unity,
As Odd Fellows we are ever marching on.

2. Some from distant cities came,
With us they rejoice today,
They help make this strong and
mighty endless chain—
With us don't you want to go,
You'll regret it, never no,
As Odd Fellows we are ever marching on!

3. On this bright Thanksgiving Day
We have kindness to bestow,
And from Friendship's link we will
not ever stray—
Live the mighty men of peace,
Day by day their ranks increase
As Odd Fellows we are ever marching on!

4. We give praises unto Ruth
Unto her we offer song,
Give to her the silver-plated shield
of Truth—
Live her memory through all ages,
Write her history, seal the pages;
In our mighty number she goes
marching on!

H. SANCHES MARTINEZ.

THE MEXICAN PHOTOGRAPHER RECEIVES ANY KIND OF PHOTOGRAPHS AND ENLARGING PICTURES AT HIS RESIDENCE, 628 TRACY AVE. BELL PHONE M. 3427. MR. SANCHES MADE THE PICTURES FOR THE TWO LADIES, MRS. GIVENS AND MISS WELLS IN THE BEAUTY CONTEST. HE DOES GOOD WORK AND SHOULD BE PATRONIZED.

This paper is growing into a broad and progressive Journal for the benefit of all the Negro people. We fight for right with all our might.

TWO UNFURNISHED ROOMS, WITH GAS, BATH AND HEAT. CALL 628 TRACY. BELL PHONE 3427 Y MAIN.

Hattiesburg, Miss., —The Thirty-second annual communication of the Most Worshipful Stringer Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Mississippi, was held here during the past week and was attended by over 1,000 from all parts of the state, and many distinguished and prominent visitors were present. The delegation was composed of doctors, lawyers, bankers, merchants, preachers, farmers, planters, business men, and working men—all united to better the condition of the race.

Rev. E. W. Lampton, D. D., of Greenville, Miss., is the Grand Master. He is one of the most noted men of the race in the United States. In addition to being at the head of the grand which has a membership of 11,000 in Mississippi, he is also financial secretary of the African Methodist Episcopal church, handling over a hundred thousand dollars every year for the church. The Stringer Grand Lodge is noted for its financial standing. It owns 1,000 acres of land in the Delta, valued at \$40,000, and has a large bank account to its credit. The membership and finance have greatly increased under Dr. Lampton. In token of appreciation for his faithful service, Dr. Lampton was presented with a handsome gold watch, from London, England, which cost \$1,000. It is unique, and especially adapted to a Mason, because one can tell the time in the dark as well as in the light. It strikes the hour, then the minutes past the hour by touching a spring. John W. Strauther, of Greenville was chairman of the committee that made the selection. The presentation was made by L. J. Winston, of Greenville. It was decided to raise the endowment to \$700.

The report of Hon. E. E. Perkins, Secretary and Treasurer of the Masonic Benefit Association, showed the receipts of the department for the past 12 months to be \$166,350.10, paid to widows and orphans, \$117,469.27, and a cash balance on hand of \$48,919.93. This did not include the grand lodge funds collected during the year which amounted to \$5,000, and the Grand Master paid over to the Grand Lodge \$11,148, the amount collected for charters and dispensations.

The following officers were elected: Rev. E. W. Lampton, of Greenville, Grand Master; W. A. J. Morgan, of Shelby, Deputy Grand Master; B. J. Lacy, of Shiloh, Grand Senior Warden; G. S. Goodman, of Holly Springs, Grand Secretary; T. J. Wilson, of Meriden, Grand Treasurer; E. E. Perkins, of Edwards, Secretary and Treasurer of the Masonic Benefit Association.